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SUBJECT: 1970 BASE AGREEMENT - MATERIAL PENDING DELIVERY(U)

RE.: A. MADRID 7984; B. CNO 122034Z NOV 75;

C. JUSMG MAAG MADRID 070931Z NOV 75; D. TITLE 10

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1. IN RESPONSE TO REFERENCE (A), AND IN AMPLIFICATION  
OF REFERENCE (B), WISH TO ASSURE YOU WE ARE MAKING  
EVERY EFFORT TO SATISFY SPANISH DESIRES REGARDING A SHIP  
TO COMPLETE THE QUID PROVISIONS OF THE 1970 AGREEMENT.

2. US NAVY HAS A LONG HISTORY OF ATTEMPTING TO RESPOND  
TO SN DESIRES. FOLLOWING IS AN ACCOUNT OF PRIOR NAVY  
EFFORTS TO MEET 1970 QUID OBLIGATION:

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SHIP            OFFERED            ACTION

A. CHOICE OF 3 AO'S    71/72            SN REJECTED

B. AOG                71/72            SN REJECTED

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                      BECAUSE IT WAS TOO  
                      LARGE FOR SP.NEEDS.

C. LST                DEC 73            SN REJECTED,HAVING

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                      HEARD THAT USN  
                      HAD AO'S AVAILA-  
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                      BLE.

D.    AO'S            FEB 74            CNO REPORTED AO'S

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                      AVAILABLE WERE NOT IN  
                      AS GOOD CONDITION AS  
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                      THOSE PREVIOUSLY  
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                      REJECTED BY SN

E. CARGO/TRANSPORT    MAR 74            SN REJECTED

F. 4 YTMS, 4 YO'S    MAY 75            SN REJECTED

G. AF                TWO AWAITING INSPECTION  
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                      BY SN (PER REF B)

3. NAVY HAS IDENTIFIED A THIRD AF (USS DENEbola AF 56)  
WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE REMOVED FROM ACTIVE FLEET IN  
EARLY FY 77. SINCE IT COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE AS A "HOT  
SHIP TRANSFER",SPANISH MIGHT AGREE IT NEEDED LITTLE OR NO  
OVERHAUL. DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SHIPS  
REQUESTED BY THE SPANISH NAVY IN REFERENCE (C) WILL BE  
PROVIDED BY CNO FOR ALL THREE AF'S AND WILL BE  
DELIVERED TO THE SPANISH NAVAL ATTACHE AND MAILED  
JUSMAAG NO LATER THAN 19 NOV. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE  
SN TO INSPECT THE THREE SHIPS WILL BE MADE BY CNO  
AS SOON AS THEY REQUEST TO DO SO.

4. REF (D) REQUIRES SEPARATE ENABLING LEGISLATION  
FOR EACH SHIP TO BE TRANSFERRED. THIS STATUTORY  
REQUIREMENT NOT SET ASIDE BY FACT THAT A COMMITMENT  
WAS MADE IN 1970 AGREEMENT. RECENT EXPERIENCE IN  
OBTAINING SHIP TRANSFER LEGISLATION MAKES IT DIFFICULT  
TO PREDICT WHEN AN ACTUAL SHIP TRANSFER COULD BE MADE.  
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FOR EXAMPLE, PROPOSED SHIP TRANSFER LEGISLATION  
SUBMITTED IN MAY 75 IS STILL PENDING. REAR ADMIRAL  
LIBERAL HAS KNOWLEDGE OF THESE LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS,  
HAVING BEEN INVOLVED IN PREVIOUS SHIP TRANSFERS WHEN HE  
WAS THE SPANISH NAVAL ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON.

5. STATE AND DOD ARE READY AND WILLING TO MOVE AHEAD  
WITH LEGISLATIVE AND OTHER ACTIONS AS SOON AS THE SPANISH

NAVY MAKES UP ITS MIND ABOUT ACCEPTANCE OF ONE OF THE  
THREE AF'S OFFERED BY THE NAVY. KISSINGER

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